The power from the above projects is likely to be available progressively in the next 4-5 years.

Vavcancy based Roster in the Ministry of Power

1251. VEN'BLE DHAMMAVIRIYO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court in case of R. K. Sabharwal *Vs.* State of Punjab has held that the Vacancy Based Rosters can operate only till such time the representation of persons belonging to the reserved categories reaches the prescribed percentage of reservation; and

(b) if so, indicate the services/posts under Ministry of Power and all its subordinate offices where the representation of persons belonging to the SC/ST categories has reached the prescribed percentage of reservation and because of which "Post Based Rosters' have been introduced in place of "Vacancy Based Rosters'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The post-based rosters are introduced in place of vacancy based rosters as per the directives contained in the Department of Personnel and Training's Office Memorandum No.36012/2/96-Estt (Res) dated 2.7.1997. The post-based roster is a mechanism to ensure that the reserved categories get their due share of posts upto the prescribed percentages of reservation for the concerned categories in line with the principles enunciated in the Supreme Court Judgement in R. K. Sabharwal case.

As a result, all the organizations including PSUs except Bhakra Beas Management Board (which follows Punjab State Government's reservation rules) under the administrative control of Ministry of Power have introduced Post based reservation rosters in Groups A, B, C and D services.

Setting up a hydro electric project

1252. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NTPC is proposing to set up a hydro clectic project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?